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## **Festival of the Winds**

*Summary: The University of Minnesota Morris Symphonic Winds will host its 30th Annual Festival of the Winds on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. Public concerts will take place each of these days at 7:30 p.m. in the Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall.*

(October 23, 2008)-The University of Minnesota Morris (UMM) Symphonic Winds will host its 30th Annual Festival of the Winds on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. Public concerts will take place each of these days at 7:30 p.m. in the Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall on the Morris campus. The Symphonic Winds will welcome internationally renowned guest conductor Dr. Cynthia Johnston Turner from Cornell University, who will lead the ensemble in conjunction with UMM's own Dr. Martin H. Seggelke. As part of the First Annual Wind Ensemble Invitational, two distinguished high school wind ensembles from West Central Area High School, conducted by Lacey Heald '07, and from Paynesville High School, conducted by Kenneth Vork, will perform in the concerts with the Symphonic Winds.

Among the many features that will mark the 2008 Festival are the UMM Brass Quintet "Quintocracy," the Third Annual Festival Conducting Symposium and collaborative rehearsals and clinics. Music to be performed during the Festival includes "The Hounds of Spring" by Alfred Reed, Clifton Williams's "Symphonic Dance No. 3 – Fiesta," "Poeme du Feu" by Ida Gotkovsky, "Divertimento" by Karel Husa, Václav Nelhýbel's "Fanfares" and Morten Lauridsen's "O Magnum Mysterium."

The UMM Symphonic Winds is comprised of over 70 musicians, both music majors and non-majors who join together to perform numerous concerts on campus during each academic year. While offering students opportunities to expand their technical, intellectual and musical horizons, the UMM Symphonic Winds seeks to broaden performance and teaching skills by cultivating an interest in the wind ensemble as an integral part of the American music scene.

Tickets for the events will be sold at the door each evening. Reserved tickets are available for purchase in advance at the information desk in the UMM Student Center. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children and \$1 for students with UMM ID. A reception of punch and cookies will follow each concert at no additional cost. For further information, contact the UMM Music Office at (320) 589-6234.

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